Intro to Philosophy
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Final Exam Review Guide
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Free Will and Determinism:

- Distinguish between hard determinism, libertarianism, and compatibilism.
- Define substance causation (a.k.a. agent causation). Distinguish this from event causation. How can agent causation be invoked to support libertarianism?
- Explain Stace's argument for compatibilism.
- Explain The Hume/Ayer approach to compatibilism involving constraint.
- Explain Kane's "two standpoint" approach to libertarianism.

Voluntary Actions And Responsibility:

- What are the two criteria for a voluntary action for Aristotle?
- Why does Kant argue that punishment is justified? What are some limitations he places on just punishment?
- How does Kant's view of punishment follow from his account of ethics involving the noumenal/phenomenal self distinction?
- What is the utilitarian approach to the question of punishment? What are some potential problems for this account of the justification for punishment?
- Explain Menninger's "Humanitarian Theory of Punishment"
- What is C.S. Lewis's critique of the humanitarian theory?
- Distinguish between Act Utilitarianism and Rule Utilitarianism. How does Rawls's account of Act Utilitarianism address some of the problems with Glover's utilitarian justification for punishment?

Ethics:

- Distinguish between the following general types of moral theories: virtue ethics, deontological ethics, and consequentiality ethics. Give a detailed specific example of each of these theories.
- Explain Mill's reply to the objection that utilitarianism is a doctrine for swine.
- Explain Nietzsche's distinction between good/bad and good/evil.

How does he use this to critique any objective morality?
- Explain Nagel's term "moral luck". Give your own example of a situation involving moral luck.